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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATES FOR NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING TO IMPROVE WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERTS AND COMMUNITY-INITIATED ALERTING

PS Docket No. 15-91

Comment Date: January 13, 2016

Reply Comment Date: February 12, 2016

On November 19, 2015, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that proposes revisions to the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) rules,¹ designed to improve the clarity of WEA messages, ensure that WEA alerts reach only those individuals to whom a WEA alert is relevant, and establish a WEA testing program that will improve the effectiveness of the system for public safety officials and the public.² The NPRM set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days after publication in the Federal Register, respectively.³

On December 14, 2015, a summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register.⁴ Accordingly, comments will be due on or before January 13, 2016, and reply comments will be due on or before February 12, 2016. Complete comment filing instructions are set forth in the NPRM and Federal Register.⁵

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¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 10.1, *et seq.*

² *Improving Wireless Emergency Alerts and Community-Initiated Alerting*, PS Docket No. 15-91, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 15-154 (Nov. 19, 2015).

³ *Id.*

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, *Improving Wireless Emergency Alerts and Community-Initiated Alerting*, 80 Fed. Reg. 77289 (Dec. 14, 2015).

⁵ *Improving Wireless Emergency Alerts and Community-Initiated Alerting*, PS Docket No. 15-91, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 15-154 (Nov. 19, 2015); *see also* Federal Communications Commission, *Improving Wireless Emergency Alerts and Community-Initiated Alerting*, 80 Fed. Reg. 77289 (Dec. 14, 2015).